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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Amendment filed on 16 April 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 10, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 10, line 2: The addition of the word "type" to an otherwise definite expression (e.g., connectionless semiconductor integrated circuit) extends the scope of the expression so as to render it indefinite. Appropriate correction is required to alleviate the indefiniteness of the language "connectionless-type semiconductor integrated circuit" as recited in the present claimed invention. See M.P.E.P 2173.05(b).

Re claim 19, line 1: "the identifier" lacks of antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9, 14-17, 20-24, 26-28, 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamashina (JP 10138667).

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Re claims 1-2, 9, 14-16, 20-24, 26-27, 30-34: Yamashina teaches a trading card 1 communicating with recording and/or reproducing units (fig. 10) to receive messages from a subject printed on the trading card, the trading card comprising:

a data storage unit 2 storing subject-related data of the subject printed on the trading card, wherein the data storage unit reproduces and transmits the subject-related data to the recording and/or reproducing units in the form of an optical or radio signal to simultaneously reproduce the subject-related data of the subject printed on the trading card in the recording and/or reproducing units; and

a housing unit containing and protecting the data storage unit (abstract; figs. 1-11; paragraphs 9, 13-16, 50-57).

Re claims 4-7: Yamashina teaches a recording and/or reproducing unit allowing a user of a trading card to receive subject-related data from a subject printed on the card, the recording and/or reproducing unit comprising:

a recording and/or reproducing unit reproducing subject-related data stored in the trading card 1 according to manipulation commands from the user, wherein the subject-related data comprises moving picture information arranged in a sequence using serial numbers, still picture information, voice or sound information, or text information (i.e., video information and aural information; see abstract; figs. 1-11; paragraphs 50-57).

Re claim 17: Yamashina teaches a system, wherein the housing unit comprises a coating film (fig. 2; paragraphs 22-31).

6. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (US 6,083,009; hereinafter "Kim").

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Kim teaches a method of recording subject-related data/new-songs from a web site to a trading card using an encoding unit which is inherent within the system, comprising: downloading the subject-related data from the web site to a computer; providing the subject-related data from the computer to the encoding unit; and recording the subject-related data comprises moving picture information, still picture information, voice or sound information, or text information (col. 1, lines 30-43).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 3, 18-19, 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashina in view of Pace (US 5,689,561).

Yamashina teaches a trading card communicating with a recording and/or reproducing unit to receive messages from a subject printed on the card, the trading card comprising:

a data storage unit receiving a recording command from the recording and/or reproducing unit to record and store the subject-related data stored in the recording and/or reproducing unit from the subject; and

a housing unit containing and protecting the data storage unit (abstract; figs. 1-11).

Yamashina fails to teach or fairly suggest the housing unit comprises a serial number identifying the trading card.

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Pace teaches a trading card system having a floppy disk (56 in fig. 7), wherein the housing (210 in fig. 7) has a unique serial number (216 in fig. 8) to identify the floppy disk (col. 8, lines 14-37).

It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the unique serial number to identify the disk as taught by Pace to the teachings of Yamashina in order to prevent unauthorized copy or duplication of the disks to further ensure that the disk is original manufactured.

9. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashina in view of Raasch et al. (US 5,956,877; hereinafter "Raasch").

Yamashina teaches a system, comprising subject-related data stored in the trading cards, and transmitting the subject-related data, wherein the subject-related data comprises moving pictures; and a recording and/or reproducing apparatus receiving the subject-related data and processing to reproduce the moving pictures via a display unit (abstract; figs. 1-11; paragraphs 50-57).

Yamashina fails to teach or fairly suggest the moving pictures arranged in a sequence using serial numbers, and sequentially reproduce the moving pictures via a display unit.

Raasch teaches a continuous strip of frame images in related sequence by using security indicia, serial number, limited edition number, or combinations thereof (col. 4, lines 14-39; and col. 12, lines 51-58).

It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate moving pictures arranged in sequence using serial number as taught by Raasch to the teachings of Yamashina in order to keep track of the pictures/images by

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their serial numbers to further provide a capability to display a desired picture/image instantly by its serial number or to sequentially display the pictures/images on the display unit.

10. Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashina in view of Muroi (US 2002/0052238). The teachings of Yamashina have been discussed above.

Yamashina fails to teach or fairly suggest the data storage unit is a connectionless semiconductor intergrated circuit (IC) interfacing with a transmission and reception unit in the recording and/or reproducing unit to transmit or receive the subject-related data and operational power.

Muroi teaches a trading card with electronic recording medium having a transponder for data communication with the display/monitor (paragraphs 6, and 39-40), which serves as the data storage unit is a connectionless semiconductor intergrated circuit (IC) interfacing with a transmission and reception unit in the recording and/or reproducing unit to transmit or receive the subject-related data and operational power.

It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the connectionless/connection semiconductor integrated circuit interface as taught by Muroi to the teachings of Yamashina in order to provide the connectionless/connection semiconductor to the trading card to protect and/or preserve the card device from being damaged by wear-and-tear, etc.

11. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashina in view of Tsutsui (JP 406215010; hereinafter "Tsutsui"). The teachings of Yamashina have been discussed above.

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Yamashina is silent with respect to the recoding and/or reproducing unit further comprises an earphone connection jack.

Tsutsui teaches an information recording and/or reproducing device, which comprises an earphone B4.

It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the earphone within the recoding and/or reproducing unit as taught by Tsutsui to the teachings of Yamashina in order to provide an outputting audio option to the user.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments filed 16 April 2003, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-34 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Yamashina, Kim, Pace, Raasch, Muroi, and Tsutsui, given its broadest interpretation, meets claimed limitations.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-1798. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 703-305-3503. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-1341 for regular communications and 703-305-1341 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-8792.

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